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SUBJ: PRAVDA ITEM ON ASAD VISIT TO MOSCOW

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1. OCTOBER 14 PRAVDA CARRIES TASS ITEM DATELINE DAMASCUS
PREVIOUS DAY REPLAYING SYRIAN PRESS ON ASAD VISIT MOSCOW.
ACCORDING TASS, SYRIAN MEDIA "GIVE HIGH EVALUATION" TO
EVENT, "UNDERLINING ITS IMPORTANCE FOR ACHIEVING JUST AND
FIRM PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST."

2. MAIN STRESS, HOWEVER, IS ON SOVIET-ARAB UNITY. QUOTE
FROM NEWSPAPER "TISHRIN" SAYS "THE VISIT SERVES FURTHER
DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-ARAB FRIENDSHIP. IT STRENGHTENS
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THE POSITION OF THE ARABS IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST ZIONISM

AND THE FORCES SUPPORTING IT." "PROGRESS IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND SYRIAN NATIONS" SERVE THIS GOAL TOO, SINCE DURING VISIT THE SIDES "CONFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO EXERT ALL EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE ARAB NATION." SOVIET-SYRIAN FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION HAS "A STRATEGIC CHARACTER," WRITES "TRISHRIN," AND "THE SOVIET UNION...IS ON (THE ARABS') SIDE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ISRAELI AGGRESSION AND THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM." ACCORDING TO TASS, THE PAPER "EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND ALL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, WHICH WILL LEAD TO FRUSTRATION OF THE PLOTS WHICH ARE WOVEN BY THE ZIONIST AND IMPERIALIST FORCES (KOTORIYE PLETYUTSYA SIONISTKIMI I IMPERIALISTICHESKIMI SILAMI) AGAINST THE ARAB NATION AND DIRECTED TO SUBVERTING SOVIET-SYRIAN FRIENDSHIP."

3. COMMENT. TASS MAKES IT SOUND AS IF SOVIET-ARAB UNITY, BEGINNING WITH SOVIET-SYRIAN FRIENDSHIP, NEEDED SHORING UP. END COMMENT.

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